

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): An image capturing apparatus for capturing images of portable objects (16) with an image capturing unit (1) and an image fitting surface (31) in which the optical axis (6) of the image capturing unit (1) passes from said image capturing unit (1) through the image fitting surface (31) to the image, wherein the image capturing unit is disposed so that the optical axis (6) of the image capturing unit (1) is inclined at an angle α of more than 5° with respect to a normal (7) of the image fitting surface (31) in a region in which the optical axis traverses the image fitting surface (31) and further comprising a screen in a region of the image fitting surface, said screen being made from a light-impervious material and which prevents ambient light or stray light from being incident upon the image fitting surface.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein the angle α is less than 30° .

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein the image capturing unit (1) comprises an angle of sight β of less than 30° .

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein the image capturing unit (1) comprises a focal length that is more than double the size of the maximum diagonal of an image capturing sensor of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein the angle α is at least half the size of the angle of sight β of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein an optical device (33) is disposed between the image capturing unit (1) and the

image fitting surface (31) so that the optical device is positioned in an optical capture path.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, comprising a lighting device (39).

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 8, wherein the lighting device (39) comprises light-emitting diodes (40) as the light-emitting means.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 9, wherein the light-emitting means are disposed in immediate proximity to the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 8, wherein the lighting device (39) comprises colored light-emitting means.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, wherein the screen (12) is disposed outside of a light path (4) of the image capturing unit (1).

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 12, wherein the optical screen (12) is disposed between the image fitting surface (31) and the image capturing unit (1) and/or a lighting device (39).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 12, wherein the optical screen (12) comprises a light-absorbing surface (13) and that the light-absorbing surface is turned toward the image fitting surface (31).

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, comprising a housing (17) portions of which comprise a translucent material.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 15, wherein the translucent material is a reflection-reducing material.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1, comprising a positioning device (20) for positioning the portable object relative to the image capturing apparatus.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 17, wherein the positioning device (20) comprises a protection means that protects an object placed on the positioning device (20) from damage and that moreover shields, together with the object, the image capturing unit (1) from ambient light (28).

Claims 19-23 (Canceled).

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): Use of an image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1 and/or use of an arrangement (10; 14) for capturing an image from a display (2), more specifically from an LC-display (26) or from a specular reflecting surface (11).

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): Use of an image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1 and/or use of an arrangement (10; 14) for capturing an image from a surface that

is covered by at least one transparent layer (32).

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): Use of an image capturing apparatus (16) as set forth in claim 1 and/or use of an arrangement (10; 14) for reading an optical code (25) that is preferably displayed on a display (2; 26) or on a specular reflecting surface (11).

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): Use of an image according to claim 26, for the reading of an optical code that is located completely in the visual field of the image capturing unit.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The image capturing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the reflection reducing material is a translucent glass window 19.